issued to the State Governments to ensure that fertiliser is sold to the farmer at the notified price. Shortfalls in supply, if any, in any area is met by arranging additional supply of the materials from alternate sources.

Allocation of Palmolein to Southern States

*160. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Southern States have requested for allocation of palmolein oil for distribution through Public Distribution System; and

(b) if so, what is the response of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KA-MALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The import of edible oils has been suspended for the present due to foreign exchange constraints. A_s and when the import of edible oils are resumed, the allocation of edible oils to States/UTs including Southern States for distribution through Public Distribution System will be made.

Cottage at Dalhousie where Poet Rabindranath Tagore lived

512. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: SHRI RAJ MOHAN GANDHI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Snowdon Estate at Dalhousie where the Poet Rabindranath Tagore used to live during summers was taken over by the Defence Department which dismantl ed even the cottage in which the poet lived and barred entry to the estate to admirers of the Poet; and

(b) if so, whether Government pro pose to take steps to restore the cottage as a national monument?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) The Snowdon Estate, Dalhousie, measuring 10.6175 acres, was acquired by Ministry of Defence in April, 1987 for locating a Defence Project. The Cottage where Poet Rabindranath Tagore used to live has not been demolished. It is properly being maintained. However, entry to this area is restricted due. to security reasons. There is no proposal to declare the Cottage as a national monument.

The Cadre of Principal Private Secretary

513. SHRI B. L. PANWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cadre of Principal Private Secretary (in the pay-scale of Rs. 3000-4500) under the Central Secretariat Stenographer Service, continues centralised under the control of Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions as clarified by them in their O.M. No. 5/12/89-CS JI, dated 11th May, 1989:

(b) whether the duties and functions of Principal Private Secretary to Secretary have since been defined so as to allow them a scope for further promotion in the mainstream of the Central Secretariat Service;

(c) whether it is also a fact that all the Principal Private Secretaries are assigned work with appropriate level officers in different Departments/Ministries; and

(d) if the reply to any of parts (a) to (c) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor and the currective measures, if any, proposed to be taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.